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Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: S.L. Bausch

Re:

U.S. Application No. 09/912,968 filed July 25, 2001

U.S. Application No. 03/312,306 fried July 23, 2001

A Method for Assessing Transgene Expression and Copy Number

Applicants: Stanton B. DOTSON et al.

Atty. Docket: 16517.275

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

- 1. Request to Rescind Prior Request and Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(b); and
- 2. Return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.275. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Holsten (Reg. No. 46,098) David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

Enclosures

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In re Patent Application of: Stanton B. DOTSON *et al.*

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the Request for Non-Publication and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b) filed on July 25, 2001, in the above-captioned U.S. application be rescinded in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(b).

On July 25, 2001, the above-captioned U.S. application was filed with a Request for Non-Publication, which contained a certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i), including a statement that the invention "has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing." (Request attached hereto as Exhibit A).

Applicants wish to rescind the request for non-publication filed on July 25, 2001, for the above-captioned U.S. application.

Should the Commissioner require additional information, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

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UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

First Named Inventor		Stanton B. Dotson	
Title	A Method For Assess	ssing Transgene Expression and Copy Number	
Attorney Docket No.		38-21(51862)B	

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant mustnotify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).